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Malaria - South Canara Dt - Control measures on a Cooperative basis - Scheme - Suggestion

No. F.7-11/50-PH.I.

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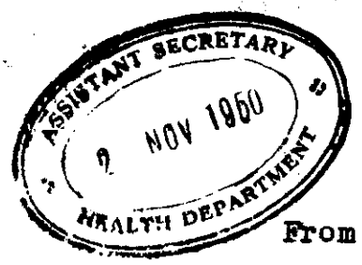
Ministry of Health.



New Delhi, the 31st October 1950.

From

P.S. Doraswami, Esquire, B.A.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
[redacted] Health Department,
MADRAS.

Subject:- Malaria Control measures on co-operative spraying basis - Karnataka Malnad Development Society.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for favour of disposal, a copy of the marginally noted letters from Shri M.N. Bhide, President of the Karnataka Malnad Development Society, Mundaje, S. Kanara District. Mr. Bhide has suggested that a compact group of about 100 villages in that district be selected for trying out a scheme for spraying of D.D.T. on a co-operative basis. The Union Government understand that the entire Malnad area, including the area indicated by Mr. Bhide, is already covered in the field operations of the malaria control organisation of the Madras Government. In this connection a copy of a note dated the 3rd June, 1950, recorded by the Directorate General of Health Services on the policy enunciated by Mr. Bhide regarding control on co-operative basis, is enclosed for information.

1. Letter No. 70/50, dated the 3rd April, 1950.
2. Letter No. BAN/10/6-50, dated the 17th June, 1950.

Yours faithfully,

P S Doraswamy

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Copy of letter No. 70/50, dated the 3rd April, 1950, from Shri M.N. Bhide, the Karnataka Malnad Development Society, Mundaje, S.Kanara, Camp. Shilton Hotel, Bangalore, to the Honourable Srimathi Raj~Kumari Amrit Kaur, Minister for Public Health, Government ~~fm~~ of India, New Delhi.

Subject:- Malaria control - Pilot Scheme in south Kanara - Report - Recommendations - Co-operative spraying - Examinations - Request for Trial.

'A' The Pilot Scheme for Malaria Control in the betel-nut areas of South Kanara was undertaken by the Malaria Institute of India on behalf of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research with the object of determining an economical method of Malaria control. This scheme was carried out in 1947-48 and report was submitted on the work done.

'A' The recommendations of the Officer-in-charge deserved very special attention in as much as the method of co-operative spraying of D.D.T. was suggested. The method which is at present followed by all the State Governments are not only costly, but because the entire machinery rests under Government control, people neither can nor do participate to any extent in their ~~o~~perations. Malaria Control, Ultimately, in my opinion has got to be the concern of the people themselves and the recommendations contained in the Pilot Scheme report are the surest ways to achiev~~e~~ this object. If on the one hand it seems impossible that any government would be able to carry out anti-malarial measures at their own cost effectively till infinity, on the other hand this co-operative method would alone achieve the twin objectives i.e. gradually relieving the Government of the heavy cost and making the people self-relying in not only controlling but, eradicating malaria.

I am afraid none of the State Governments have yet examined this aspect, and even if they have not one of them has as yet begun work in this direction. To the best of my knowledge I understand that some of the Governments concerned are not in favour ~~o~~of this method for reasons known to themselves. They probably feel that they would not be able to get the co-operation from the people. My best efforts to overcome this false notion have failed miserably and as an ultimate resort I am now appealing to you to get this question examined from 'K' an impartial view point. My suggestion is that a compact group of about 100 villages be selected in a highly endemic area of South Kanara and this scheme undertaken and worked directly by the Malaria Institute of India with funds from the Central Government. I make bold to say that the success of such an experiment which would not cost more than a few lakhs would be able, eventually, to save for the nation, ~~c~~crores of rupees annually and bring about a condition where the people themselves would be self reliant and able to eradicate malaria throughout the entire country. I have very great hopes that this method would be the only answer to the problem of malaria confronting us. I further wish to add that if areas ~~i~~in South Kanara, and specially Puttur or Karkal taluks are selected I shall hold myself responsible to render all the necessary assistance from the peoples' side.

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Copy of letter No. BAN/10/6-50, dated the 17th June, 1950, from M.N. Bhide, President, Karnataka Malnad Development Society, Mundaje, S. Kanara, to the Secretary, Ministry of Health, Government of India, New Delhi.

Subject:- Malaria control - Cooperative spraying suggestions made to the Honourable Shrimati Rajakumari Amrit Kaur - Reminder.

I had addressed the Honourable Minister for Public Health with regard to cooperative spraying of D.D.T. in the villages of Malnad in South Kanara. Apart from getting an acknowledgement I do not know what has transpired afterwards. The malaria season is practically coming to a close as far as this year is concerned, and it is now the proper time to plan for the next year.

May I suggest that if the matter has not yet been examined it may now be done so that we might be in time for the commencement of the next malaria season. The anti-malaria work that is being carried out by the Madras Government would become easier if my scheme that has been submitted is taken up.

I hope this matter will receive your serious consideration and I will be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know what is being done in the matter.

"T.S"

I hope this matter may be examined and if found feasible, early steps may be taken to undertake such a scheme. "Malaria Control is a main aspect of Malnad Development for the purpose of which the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture have decided to appoint a Planning Committee and a Central Malnad Development Board. Malnad Development is capable of producing an immense quantity of food grains apart from other commercial crops". It is a scheme for regional development and I am sure this experiment x suggested by me will blaze the trail for similar undertakings on a wider scale.

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No. 20-7/50-Instts.

Copy of a note dated the 3rd June, 1950, recorded by the Directorate General of Health Services on the policy enunicated by Mr. Bhide regarding control on co-operative basis.

It is necessary however to say a few words about the definite policy enunciated by Mr. Bhide regarding control on cooperative basis. The recommendations contained in the report of the pilot scheme organised by the Malaria Institute of India were specific for the area where the scheme was conducted and under the present circumstances are not of general application. A number of points arise in this connection. Training of a large number of ignorant villagers in the technique of spraying and the use of proper dosages of insecticides etc. is by no means easy. Further, provision will have to be made not only for equipment and its allocation but for insecticides and supervisory staff to ensure the correct application of insecticides.

The World Health Organisation Expert Committee on Malaria in their third session stressed the fact that "effective control on malaria in any country is possible only when and where there has been set up a governmental malaria control organisation of appropriate size, the personnel of which are suitably paid and adequately trained". At the informal meetings of the Malaria Advisory Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research held in November 1949 also the general trend of opinion was that it may not be possible to secure the cooperation of the villagers in all provinces in India and, on account of the prevailing ignorance, it may not be easy to train them for the purpose. This view was endorsed by the Malariologists from Bombay, Madras, Mysore & Bihar etc. during the course of discussions held at the Malaria Institute of India on 20.5.50.

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Sub: Malaria - Control measures on Cooperative spraying basis - Suggestions of the President of the Karnataka Rakrad Dev Society - Remarks called for

Ref From the Govt of India, Ministry of Health No. F.7-11/50-MA I dy 31.10.50

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Memo. No. 38282/50-2-Ex Health dy 30.11.50

A copy of the Reference cited together with a copy of the enclosures thereto is referred to the DDH for early Remarks.

To the DDH Raichur (with Copy of Pages 1-9 of)

Dy 7.12.50
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Please see the Reference from the Govt of India, Ministry of Health at P1/c and the enclosures thereto at Pages 3-9/c. In regard to the matter referred at 'B' on P5/c, it is submitted that a Central Malaria Planning Committee has since been constituted and the Committee is now at work. The question of Malaria Control in the Malaria areas may come up before the Committee for consideration in due course. In the meanwhile though the Govt of India have not asked for any reply but have transferred the papers for disposal, ~~Reference Above~~ ~~for any remarks. The draft overleaf~~ is forwarded the remarks given D.P.H may be sent to Govt of India, Min of Health for information. Other matters before coming

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Mem the Note of Dev on the bottom of P2 ante. The draft memo on P1 ante may now issue.

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There were recently fwd: rel: to Malarial control ① in Mal/nad in connection with Forest Committee's recommendations and ② also in Betel growing areas. How will the position taken in these files affect the proposals here? P. examine.

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Subd. The Papers referred to by A.S. in ① above relating to Malaria Control in Mal/nad Area in Dev. This Deptt noted on the Case and Returned it to Dev. The file referred to in

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(2) above is linked below. The proposals in those two cases relate to malaria control in the areas concerned thro' the offices of the departmental staff. The proposal in this case is, on the other hand, to carry out a scheme for spraying DDT in a group of selected villages on a cooperative basis, presumably by the people of the area. The position taken in the two cases referred does not seem to affect the proposal in this case. The question may perhaps be examined further after the remarks of the DDT, in this case are read. Regarding whether the draft memo on plant may issue

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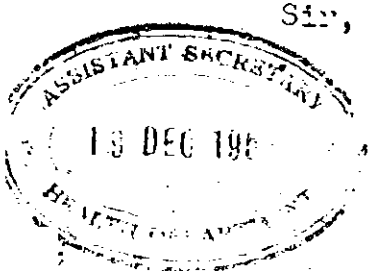
From
Dr.T.Lakshminarayana,D.F.H.,(LOND)
Director of Public Health,
MADRAS, KILPAUK.

To
The Secretary to Government
Health Department,
FORT.ST.GEORGE, MADRAS.

45651 L.DIS.NO.88229-Mal(2)/50 Dated 14-12-1950.

Sir,



Sub:-Malaria- Control measures on Co-operative spraying basis- Suggestions of the President,Karnataka Malnad Development Society -Remarks - Furnished.

Ref:-Government Memorandum No.38282/50-2-E2-Health dated 30th November, 1950.

I entirely agree with the views expressed by the Director-General of Health Services, New Delhi in his note No.20-7/50-Instts dated 3-6-1950. Malaria control work carried on in this State conforms to these views.

Yours faithfully,

R. S. Natarajan 14/12/50
FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MADRAS.

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Letter No. 113 .. Health Dy. 10.1.51
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To,

Sri. M. N. Bhide,
President of the Karnataka
Malnad Development Society
Mundaje, S. Kanara Dt

Sir,

Sub: Malaria - South Kanara Dt - Control measures on a Cooperative basis - Scheme - Suggestion

Ref: your letters No. 70/50 & 3.4.50 and No. BAN/10/6-50 & 17.6.50 to the Hon. Ministr for P.H., Govt of India. from the Govt of India, No. H-7-11/50 PH-I & 31.10.50.

I am directed to state

18 That His Govt Consider that the Scheme suggested by you in your letters cited would not be workable. I am to add that the ~~general~~ question of Malaria Control by the normal methods in the Madras areas is separately under Consideration.

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Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
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Copy to the Govt of India,
Ministry of Health,
New Delhi

Copy to the DDH Madras
with ref to this letter
Lr. No. 88229-Mal(2)/50
dt. 9/14.12.50 Pl.

Copy to Dir Deptt
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Sub: Malaria – S. Kanara Dt – Control measures on a Cooperative basis – Suggestion

P 1 c/f

Ref: From the Govt of India No. F.7-11/50-PH I dt 31.10.50

P 1 s/f

D.P.H, R.C No. 88229-Rel(2)/50 dt 16/12/50

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Please see the letter from the Govt of India, Ministry of Health, at P 1 c/f and its enclosures at P 3 to 9 c/f. Please also see the Remarks of the DDH at P 1 s/f

P 3-7 c/f

The Govt of India have forwarded to this Govt for disposal Copies of two letters from Sri M N Bhide, President of the Karnataka Makkal Seva Society wherein he has suggested that a Compact group of about 100 villages in the S. Kanara Dt be selected for trying out a Scheme of DDT spraying on a Cooperative basis.

✓ K on P 3 c/f

They have also forwarded for information a Copy of a Note recorded by the Directorate General of Health Services on the suggestion of Sri. Bhide.

✗ P 9 c/f

A copy of the Final Report by the Director, Malaria Institute of India on the pilot Scheme referred at 'A' on P 3 c/f was forwarded to the DDH with a request to consider the feasibility of making use of the suggestions contained therein particularly in working the partner Anti-malaria Scheme in S. Kanara Dt. – vide the memo to the DDH No. 33705/49-1-EPH dt 5.5.50 at 'B'

(V) / 3 c/f (Health Dir's Note)

As regards the matter referred to at 'A' on P 5 c/f it is learnt that a Central Malaria Planning Committee has been constituted and the Committee is now at work. The general

question of Malaria Control in the Malnad Areas may come up before that Committee for Consideration in due Course. The Connected Papers are in Dev.

On the specific suggestion of Sri Bhide about trying out a Scheme of Malaria Control on a Cooperative basis in a Compact group of about 100 villages in the S. Kanara Dt, the Directorate-General of Health Services has observed that the suggestion is not feasible for the reasons stated in the note at P9cf. Special reference is solicited, in this Connection, to 'x' + 'y' on P9cf. The DGHS states that he entirely agrees with the views expressed by the Directorate-General of Health Services in the matter. The views of the DGHS may be Concurred in and the Papers recorded. Proposal dropped by Dev. Pro order

No action is necy. The papers may be recorded.

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I think we may send a reply to Sri Bhide that Govt. are unable to think that his scheme will not be workable but that the question of Malaria Control by the normal methods, in his area is reasonably under consideration.

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Please type the note for circulation
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A typed Copy of the Note is attached at pp 3-4 infra.

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Sub:--Malaria - S.Kanara district - control measures on a co-operative basis - suggestion.

P1 c/f
P15 c/f

Ref: From the Govt. of India No.F.7-11/50-P.H.I. dated 31-10-50.

From the D.P.H. R.No.88229-Mal(2)/50, d/14-12-50

Please see the letter from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health, at p.1 c.f. and its enclosures at pp.3 to 9 c.f. Please see also the remarks of the D.P.H. at p.15 c.f.

pp.3-7 c/f

The Govt. of India have forwarded to this Govt. for disposal copies of two letters from Sri M.N.Bhide, President of the Karnataka Malnad Dev.Society, wherein he has suggested that a compact group of about 100 villages in the S.Kanara district be selected for trying out a scheme of D.D.T. spraying on a co-operative basis. They have also forwarded for information a copy of a note recorded by the Directorate General of Health Services on the suggestion of Sri Bhide.

✓ K on p3 c/f

✗ p9 c/f

A copy of the Final Report by the Director, Malaria Institute of India on the pilot scheme referred to at 'A' on p.3 c.f. was forwarded to the D.P.H. with a request to consider the feasibility of making use of the suggestions contained therein, particularly in working the Puttur Anti-malaria scheme in S.Kanara dt. - vide the memo. to the D.P.H. No.33705/49-1 E.1P.H dated 5-5-49. As regards the matter referred to at 'B' on p.5 c.f., it is submitted that a Central Malnad Planning Committee has been constituted and the Committee is now at work. The general question of malaria control in the Malnad areas may come up before that Committee for consideration in due course. The connected papers are in Dev.

(V) 1/3 of initial A below (withheld)

On the specific suggestion of Sri Bhide about trying out a scheme of malaria control on a co-operative basis in a compact group of about 100 villages in the

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S.Kanara district, the Directorate-General of Health Services has observed that the suggestion is not feasible for the reasons stated in the note at p.9 c.f. Special reference is solicited, in this connection to 'X' and 'Y' on p.9 c.f. The D.P.H. states that he entirely agrees with the views expressed by the Directorate-General of Health Services in the matter. The view of the D.P.H. may be concurred in and the papers recorded.

For orders.

T.P.S. 28-12-50.
A.V. 28-12-50. No action is necessary. The papers may be recorded.

K.S. 29-12-50.

I think we may send a reply to Sri Bhide that Govt. consider that his scheme will not be workable but that the question of Malaria control by the normal methods in the area is separately under consideration.

T.M.S.M.30-12-50.

H.M.(H.) 3/1/51

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Please see the orders in Or above. A draft letter to Sri Bhide is put up below for approval.

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